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Comments to Draft Public Comment Protocol by

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Comments will be organized as per item number in the Draft Protocol at PEPC website.

1) ok

2) ok

3) FACA should think before leaping to support strict "zero tolerance" style enforcement of this concept. I understand the problem (speakers off subject), it can be frustrating. During any enforcement of this item extreme sensitivity should be shown the speaker being reprimanded by facilitator. Reprimand is a strong word but passionate speakers that may have driven long distances at considerable expense and loss of pay very likely may take being stopped very seriously.

On a different note some if not many agenda topics in BCNP could conceivably involve other topics that are integrally related to the agenda topic being commented upon. Flexibility should be incorporated here so that a knowledgeable speaker with possibly many years of experience is able weave more than one subject into a cohesive, constructive and informative comment for the benefit of all present.

4) As a Sub-Committee member I appreciate this item. Thanks

5) Regarding filling out speakers cards prior to meeting. This will reduce networking time for those speaking on multiple topics due to the time it would take.

Recommend establishment of an internet method to accomplish this task in addition to cards. Attendees could e-mail a simple list including their name and a vertically oriented list of each item they intend to speak on. That could be forwarded to our facilitator.

Of course this would totally depend upon agendas and meeting info packages being uploaded to NPS's PEPC website at least 3 days before the weekend preceeding any meeting date.

6) In the event that the agenda is not designed to allow all speakers to speak, that situation is not the fault of the attendees. Guess Who? LOL All speakers should be allowed to speak or that agenda item should be tabled and rescheduled for the next meeting. In my humble opinion this should be done to enhance visitors bond to Big Cypress our FACA and build buy-in. Public speaking should proceed most if not all the time since many people incur a good bit of expense getting to these meetings.

7) ok

8) In the event an attendee has knowledge that a previous speaker has misinformed the FACA Committee, an exemption to this item needs to be developed with a hand signal to alert the facilitator. Misinformation needs to be dealt with immediately not later. Misinformation is largely at fault for where we are at today in BCNP.

9) Thought should be given to STRICT enforcement before this FACA directs our facilitator to apply it carte blanche. Many speakers are not professional speakers. In fact most are not. Plus some speakers previous to another may say something causing a future speaker to modify a prepared-timed comment spontaneously during the meeting. Some flexibility is needed considering everyone's deep concerns on many subjects being discussed.

10) Assuring all equal treatment is a noble utopian goal. Trouble with that is that some folks know what they're talking about and some folks do not. That is clearly evident soon after some speakers begin. They should get 3 minutes plus a tad. The FACA owes it to their own product to direct our facilitator through this protocol to allow more leeway in such cases as when a speaker has proven themselves to be knowledgeable. This type direction would assist our facilitator in maintaining good order in my opinion.

Concerning yielding of time-what is the harm- if the number of speakers signed up is within the time allotted in the agenda. It wouldn't cost a minute extra. This does not make sense when people are attending so as to assist NPS and the FACA to implement a good plan with real buy-in by the visitors that will eventually have to live within its confines. Strongly urge considering deleting this part of item 10.

Speakers speaking on behalf of organized groups also deserve leeway such as Fl. Fish and Wildlife Comm. (FFWCC) enables at their meetings. FFWCC understands well that some folks have something to say-while other folks just want to say something, there is a difference. I would expect this leeway to apply environmental as well as ORV conservation groups representatives.

Any local business must be allowed to send speakers to speak on their behalf. Local business persons are heavily involved in fishing and tourism. At times owners cannot leave their business or fishing operation. Some recommendations made by this Committee to NPS could impact a business. Any business owner has a constitutional right to have his ideas conveyed verbally to this FACA as much as any other American so that all in attendance can hear their thoughts. Again -what is the harm? This FACA

should consider all possible fallout from this aspect of item 10 before adopting it into their protocol.

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